

# YUKON BUREAU OF STATISTICS

## Population Report March 2012

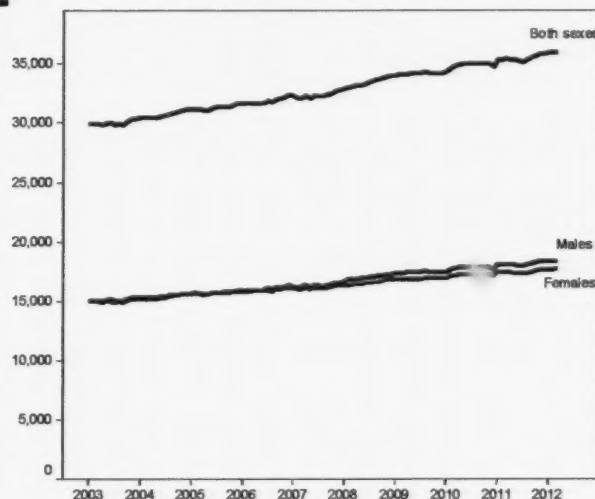
### Highlights:

- The March 2012 estimated population of Yukon was 35,944, the highest in Yukon's recent history<sup>1</sup>.
- The Whitehorse population of 27,322 was an increase of 530, or 2.0%, over the March 2011 population, and also represented 87.5% of the population growth across Yukon.

### Monthly Yukon Population Estimates

- Yukon's population was 33,796 at the start of 1997. It decreased steadily for five years and then held at around 30,000 in 2002 and 2003. In 2004, the population began to climb.
- In the last half of 2011, Yukon's population increased from 35,096 in July to 35,818 – a (then) record-high<sup>1</sup> in November. The 2012 Yukon population showed strong growth in January – surpassing November's high – and, though the pace was slower, continued to grow through March to a new record high of 35,944.

Yukon Population, 2003 - 2012



All figures in this publication were calculated by the Yukon Bureau of Statistics based on data provided by Yukon Department of Health & Social Services.

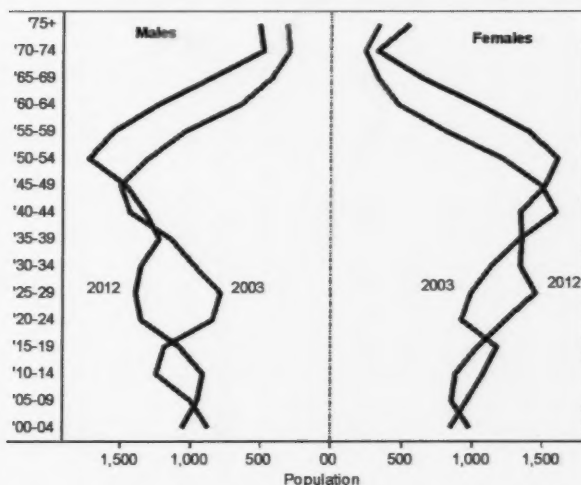
Population estimates for July 2010 and later are based on regression modelling. Thus, these numbers, while still comparable to the figures from previous years, have been derived using a different methodology than was used in earlier reports.

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Jan	29,912	30,387	31,084	31,585	32,212	32,831	33,969	34,286	35,251	35,910
Feb	29,906	30,403	31,113	31,612	31,994	32,992	34,013	34,610	35,278	35,919
Mar	29,880	30,361	31,074	31,594	32,044	33,034	34,016	34,789	35,338	35,944
Apr	29,834	30,359	30,960	31,603	32,278	33,111	34,055	34,862	35,328	
May	29,913	30,395	31,036	31,630	32,049	33,181	34,132	34,950	35,287	
Jun	29,976	30,469	31,222	31,608	32,212	33,294	34,157	34,984	35,175	
Jul	29,834	30,553	31,296	31,832	32,253	33,421	34,175	35,022	35,096	
Aug	29,893	30,740	31,324	31,704	32,196	33,537	34,264	35,011	35,263	
Sep	29,810	30,848	31,334	31,931	32,299	33,627	34,192	35,012	35,446	
Oct	30,087	30,888	31,361	32,039	32,423	33,738	34,188	35,023	35,609	
Nov	30,302	30,994	31,485	32,165	32,639	33,839	34,170	34,949	35,818	
Dec	30,255	31,127	31,587	32,335	32,714	33,928	34,157	34,667	35,800	
Annual Average	29,967	30,627	31,240	31,803	32,276	33,378	34,124	34,847	35,391	35,924

<sup>1</sup>Accurate population estimates for the gold rush era are not available. However, the first Census population estimate for Yukon was in 1901 when the population was 27,219.

## Yukon Population by Age Groups and Sex, March 2003 to March 2012

Population in March 2003 and March 2012



Age Groups	Mar '12			% Change from Mar '03 to Mar '12		
	Both Sexes	Males	Females	Both Sexes	Males	Females
0-4	2,029	1,049	981	18.1	21.0	15.3
5-9	1,800	940	860	-8.0	-5.0	-11.2
10-14	1,794	903	891	-22.7	-27.2	-17.7
15-19	2,108	1,067	1,040	-10.3	-9.1	-11.6
20-24	2,587	1,349	1,239	46.5	61.0	33.5
25-29	2,837	1,382	1,455	60.5	78.1	46.7
30-34	2,688	1,344	1,344	27.8	39.9	17.7
35-39	2,570	1,216	1,354	4.3	7.3	1.7
40-44	2,660	1,316	1,345	-11.9	-7.2	-15.9
45-49	2,966	1,448	1,518	-0.6	-2.9	1.7
50-54	3,332	1,718	1,614	32.3	32.2	32.4
55-59	2,945	1,539	1,406	58.7	49.1	70.6
60-64	2,269	1,225	1,044	103.1	90.8	119.8
65-69	1,492	845	647	99.5	102.2	96.1
70-74	811	481	331	50.7	63.6	35.7
75+	1,055	500	555	62.1	62.3	61.8
All Ages*	35,944	18,322	17,623	20.3	23.1	17.5

- Population has grown and aged since 2003 - particularly as the baby-boom (currently age 47-66) and echo-boom populations (approximately age 20-35) have aged.
- 15.6% of Yukon's population was under 15 years of age, 75.0% was between 15 and 64 years of age, and 9.3% was 65 years of age or older in March '12. Ten years

prior, in March '03, Yukoners under age 15 had 20.1% of the population; those age 15-64 had 73.4%, and those over the age of 65 had 6.5% of the total population.

- In March 2012, Yukon's population consisted of 18,322 males (51.0%) and 17,623 females (49.0%). In March 2003, there was less of a gender gap: males comprised 49.8% of Yukon's population and females had the other 50.2%.

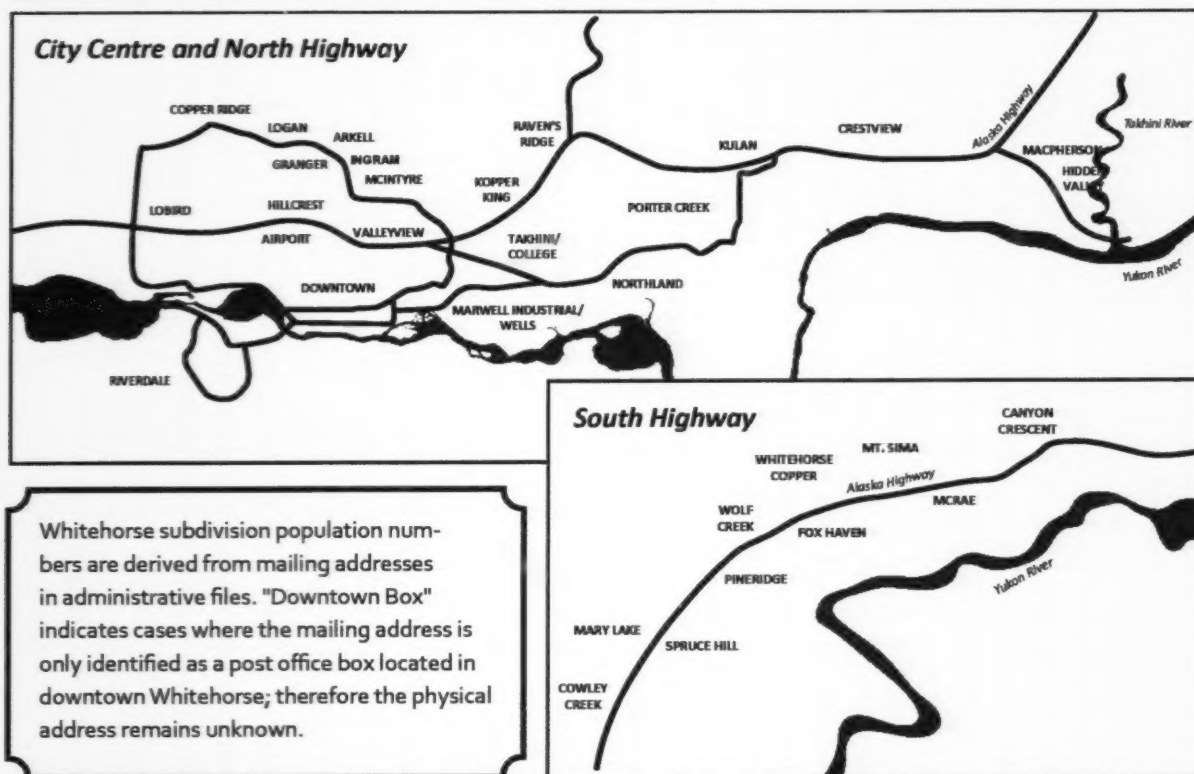
## Community Populations by Age Groups, March 2012

	Age Groups																All Ages <sup>1</sup>
	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75+	
Beaver Creek	9	4	2	7	3	12	14	1	5	11	11	11	9	3	3	8	111
Burwash Landing	6	7	3	4	7	0	10	10	6	9	7	10	7	8	5	5	103
Carcross	21	20	19	22	24	29	33	31	30	48	38	39	29	29	10	14	436
Carmacks	42	34	30	38	36	32	48	32	37	35	50	35	27	19	13	14	521
Dawson City	96	83	84	68	118	181	168	142	152	175	192	195	125	83	43	42	1,947
Destruction Bay	2	1	0	1	3	4	5	0	5	3	7	3	8	6	5	0	52
Faro	22	16	13	21	21	16	28	21	9	35	58	51	22	20	21	17	391
Haines Junction	43	45	34	47	60	43	54	58	53	72	88	76	66	39	22	37	837
Marsh Lake	16	16	18	22	28	30	30	26	25	38	71	62	54	35	14	19	505
Mayo	20	20	17	36	25	36	34	21	28	40	53	43	28	20	14	29	462
Old Crow	15	13	18	20	23	21	17	20	11	18	21	19	17	9	3	11	253
Pelly Crossing	29	14	15	18	33	32	15	21	26	28	27	24	11	21	5	14	332
Ross River	21	18	21	34	23	28	25	21	39	34	32	30	17	15	6	12	377
Tagish	4	3	11	19	6	13	11	7	7	22	27	32	23	28	14	19	244
Teslin	24	25	19	26	29	27	38	32	42	29	47	41	31	25	8	26	468
Watson Lake	90	61	79	103	114	89	86	73	99	147	157	132	91	98	42	50	1,511
Whitehorse	1,568	1,419	1,408	1,621	2,030	2,244	2,070	2,052	2,085	2,211	2,434	2,132	1,694	1,030	583	738	27,322
Other <sup>2</sup>	1	1	2	1	5	3	3	2	3	11	13	10	11	7	1	2	75
Yukon	2,029	1,800	1,794	2,108	2,587	2,837	2,688	2,570	2,660	2,966	3,332	2,945	2,269	1,492	811	1,055	35,944

<sup>1</sup>Due to the use of regression modeling, the sums of rows and/or columns may not equal totals given.

<sup>2</sup>'Other' includes communities such as Champagne, Elsa, Johnson's Crossing, Keno City, Stewart Crossing & Swift River.

## Whitehorse Area Subdivision Populations



Whitehorse subdivision population numbers are derived from mailing addresses in administrative files. "Downtown Box" indicates cases where the mailing address is only identified as a post office box located in downtown Whitehorse; therefore the physical address remains unknown.

Subdivision	Dec '11	Mar '12
Copper Ridge	3,374	3,421
Cowley Creek	201	240
Crestview	723	736
Downtown (including Marwell & Wells)	3,319	3,225
Downtown Box	490	277
Granger	1,027	1,037
Hidden Valley/MacPherson	420	411
Hillcrest/Airport	606	631
Ingram/Arkell	482	505
Kopper King/Raven's Ridge	258	253
Lobird	206	201
Logan	358	365
McIntyre	500	518

Subdivision	Dec '11	Mar '12
Mary Lake/Spruce Hill	418	423
Pine Ridge/Fox Haven	288	284
Porter Creek/Kulan	3,734	3,745
Riverdale	4,882	4,901
Takhini/Two Mile Hill/College/Northland Area	2,304	2,443
Valleyview	168	170
Whse Copper/McCrae/Mt. Sima/Canyon Cresc.	372	366
Wolf Creek	352	347
Inconsistent Information <sup>1</sup>	204	221
Outside City Limits	1,781	2,019
Not in Defined Neighborhood	724	580
<b>Whitehorse Area Total<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>27,190</b>	<b>27,322</b>

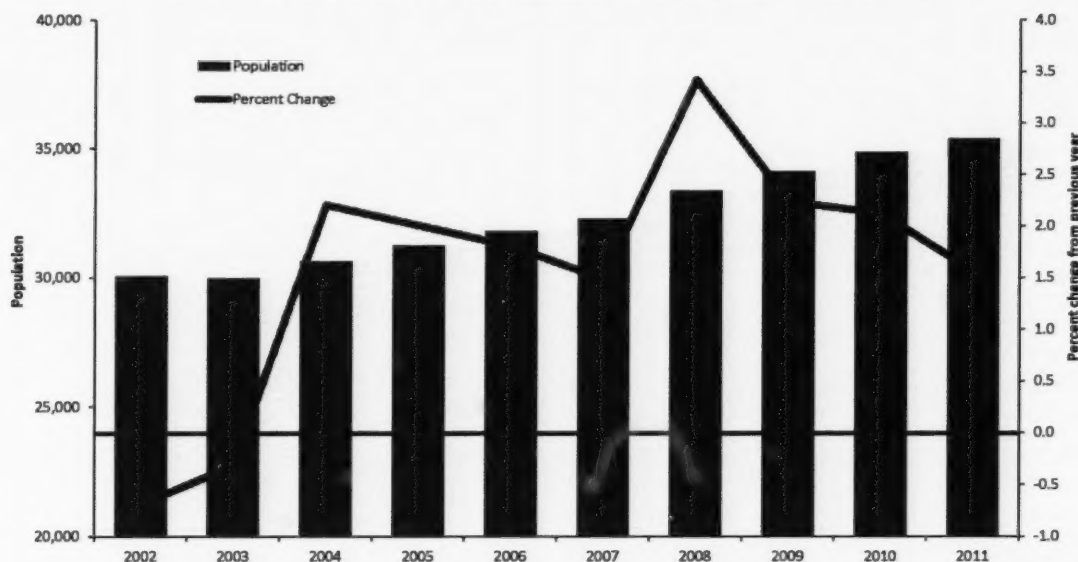
**Note:** Assignments of numbers of residents to Whitehorse subareas are based on addresses recorded on health care files, some of which are inconsistent or incomplete. Caution should be taken when comparing populations from one time period to another, as changes in totals may be a reflection of the updating of recorded addresses rather than physical migrations.

<sup>1</sup>'Inconsistent Information' includes residents whose self-identified city of residence is Whitehorse but whose addresses recorded in the administrative files show inconsistencies; therefore there is a possibility that these residents may in fact reside outside the Whitehorse area.

<sup>2</sup>Due to the use of regression modeling, columns may not equal totals given.

## Historical Population Estimates

Growth of Annual Average Yukon Population, 2002 to 2011



Yukon's **annual average** population increased by 5,328 people from a population of 30,063 in 2002 to 35,391 in 2011. This represents an annual average growth rate of 1.6%; however, this growth has not occurred evenly from year to year. Rather, it has ranged from a high of 3.4% between 2007 and 2008 to a low of -0.7% between 2001 and 2002.

### Notes

Prior to 2012, the Yukon Bureau of Statistics produced population estimates twice a year. Beginning this year, estimates are produced quarterly.

Official population estimates for months and years prior to June 2010 were based on raw counts of Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan recipients, adjusted using the results of a semi-annual health care update survey that estimated the number of health insurance recipients who were no longer Yukon residents. Population estimates are now based on a model that combines raw counts of health care insurance plan recipients, health insurance claims, and motor vehicle registrations. The model is calibrated through a regression procedure that was conducted on official Yukon population estimates between January 2007 and June 2010.

Figures are sorted by postal codes and community codes. Users of this information should be aware that the community population includes not only the legally defined municipal limits, but also the population that lives in the immediately surrounding area.

It should also be noted these population estimates do not include approximately 200 RCMP and military personnel living in Yukon who do not subscribe to the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan.

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